

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 10/10/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-20 (renumbered as 1-10).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Reference Michael U.S. Patent No. 6,137,893 teaches the method of locating an object comprising rendering a target on the object (image generation) (FIG. 4, element 106), the target characterized by a fan shape (FIG. 1B-1D); the target having a plurality of blades (FIG. 1B-1D); and searching for the target so as to provide a pose of the object (column 9, lines 64-67 and column 10, lines 1-15). However, the reference does not teach the method of locating an object comprising at least one of a plurality of blades having a boundary contour representing a non-zero skew comprising a non-straight radial feature as specifically defined in the specification (FIG. 14, FIG. 15 and Specification filed 01/29/2004).

Other references found in Fan Automation Industry teach the concept of at least one of the plurality of blades having a boundary contour representing a non-zero skew comprising a non-straight radial feature (FIG. 4A, FIG. 5A, column 4, lines 5-15 of U.S. Patent 6,595,744 to Van Houten; page 6, last 2 paragraphs, FIG. 1, FIG. 2 of WO 96,33345 to Alizadeth; column 2, lines 55-58; and column 3, lines 1-10 of EPO 0487563 to Van Houten). However, they do not teach or provide a reason that this can be combine with a method of locating an object comprising rendering a target on the object, and searching for the target so as to provide a pose of the object.

Therefore, the prior arts of record do not disclose the claiming language or providing a motivation of why one skilled in the art is able to combine the claimed features at the time the invention was being made.

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2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

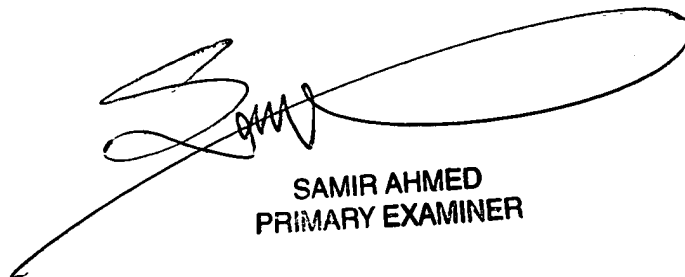
CONTACT INFORMATION

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Q. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7424. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M - 5:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Mancuso can be reached on 571-272-7695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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